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SUBJ: LAO REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM

REF STATE 292596, STATE 299565 AND MANILA 17443

1. EMBASSY HAS REFUGEE APPLICATION FORMS FOR SINGSAMOUTH BOULOM, KONGSENG SUNTHORN, CHANHRONGSAK KHAMPHONE, AND SOUPHAN SAVADY.

2. WHEN STATE 292596 RECEIVED, EMBASSY SEARCHED FILES BUT DID NOT NOTE AT TIME THAT BOU LOM, KONG SEND, AND KON PHON WERE SAME PERSONS AS FIRST THREE NAMES IN PARAGRAPH 1.

3. THESE THREE REFUGEES ARRIVED IN PHILIPPINES IN MAY AND JUNE OF 1974. ARE STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES AT LOS BANOS. BOU LOM IS SPONSORED BY SEARCA. KONG SEND AND KON PHON ARE SPONSORED BY MEKONG COMMITTEE. NONE HAVE SPONSORS OR RELATIVES IN UNITED STATES. ONLY QUALIFICATIONS IN MEETING CRITERIA WOULD BE AS FORMER DIPLOMATS. THIS POSSIBLE ONLY IF INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 121541; (PAROLE OF CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS) ARE AMENDED TO INCLUDE LAOTIANS. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT BEFORE EMBASSY INITIATES PROCESSING OF THESE CASES.

4. CASE OF SOUPHAN SAVADY DIFFERENT. HE ENTERED PHILIPPINES ON 22 FEB 71. NOW WORKING FOR ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. STATUS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF STAFF MEMBERS OF BANK DISCUSSED IN MANILA 16041 (CASE

OF SOUS SOMETH). EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, FOR TIME BEING,
NONE OF VIETNAMESE, CAMBODIANS, OR LAOTIANS ON BANK STAFF
BE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AS FORMER DIPLOMATS UNLESS
THEIR STATUS CHANGES OR THEY MEET CRITERIA ON INDIVIDUAL
BASIS. IN THIS RESPECT, SAVADY HAS BROTHER-IN-LAW AND
SISTER-IN-LAW IN UNITED STATES. THEY ARE PRESUMABLY
RELATED TO MRS SAVADY. THIS WILL BE CONFIRMED. IF SO,
WOULD THIS COMPLETE FAMILY UNIT (FATHER, MOTHER, AND TWO
MINOR CHILDREN) RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AS RE-
FUGEES? IF DEPARTMENT CAN GIVE A TENTATIVE AFFIRMATIVE
ANSWER, EMBASSY WILL RESUME PROCESSING APPLICATION.
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